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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION
OF BARBERS

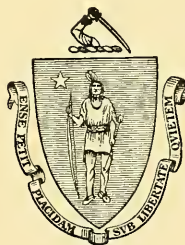
FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30,

1939

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF BARBERS

Room 302, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

November 30, 1939.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The Board of Registration of Barbers herewith submits its eighth annual report:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(December 1, 1938 to November 30, 1939.)

Receipts

9 renewals for 1938 @ \$2.	\$	18.00
9,628 renewals for 1939 @ \$2.	\$19,256.00	
Less 1 refund	2.00	19,254.00
196 renewals for 1940 @ \$2.		392.00
507 apprentices renewals @ 50c (1939)		253.50
230 applications for examination @ \$10.	2,300.00	
Less 2 refunds	20.00	2,280.00
13 applications for re-examination @ \$5.		65.00
34 fees for duplicate renewals @ 50c		17.00
651 applications for new shop inspection @ \$5.	3,255.00	
Less 3 refunds	15.00	3,240.00
307 applications for apprentice regis. @ \$5.	1,535.00	
Less 1 refund	5.00	1,530.00
		<u>\$27,049.50</u>

Expenditures

Salaries—Members of Board	8,000.00	
Salaries—Investigators	10,470.00	18,470.00
Traveling Expense—Board and investigators		4,712.32
General office expenses		2,900.37
		<u>\$26,082.69</u>

Approved:

WALTER S. MORGAN, *Comptroller*

Verified by: JAMES F. ROCHE

Examinations have been held in Boston at some time during each month of the year, also in the cities of New Bedford, Worcester, Springfield, Fall River and the town of West Brewster.

The results were as follows:

Examination in	Number Examined	Number Passed	Number Failed
Boston	191	184	7
New Bedford	4	4	
Worcester	7	7	
Springfield	25	21	4
West Brewster	1	1	
Fall River	12	12	
	<hr/> 240	<hr/> 229	<hr/> 11

Complaints are constantly being received about registered barbers. These complaints are either referred to our Investigation Department, or followed up by the members of the Board. Instead of calling so many of the barbers before it, for hearing, the Board gave special instructions to its investigation staff to carry on an educational campaign for a few months, and see if by instruction and other assistance which the investigator was able to give, as much of value could not be accomplished as would have resulted from the expense and inconvenience of a hearing. The experiment was given an extended trial, and many satisfactory results were achieved. However, the Board is of the opinion that while in many cases desired results were obtained by instruction alone, yet there are chronic offenders who can be impressed only by being called for hearing and having their registrations suspended or revoked. The Board continues to receive fine cooperation from the majority of barbers, and each year reduces the number of repeated offenders.

Greater emphasis than ever, is being placed on the training of apprentices and the Board is increasing the severity of the examinations for registration in order to improve the quality of the services rendered by barbers to the public.

There being no session of the legislature during the coming months, the Board is preparing for the next session at which time it hopes to be successful in obtaining much needed shop registration. This will render possible a very much closer contact with the shop in which the public is served, and will enable a more intensive inspection of places where barbering services are rendered. The present registration law merely covers the individual barber, and allows the Board to supervise him alone and the utensils and tools he uses as an individual. Under a shop registration law the Board would also supervise the equipment and building conditions of the shop which materially affect the sanitary conditions under which the individual works and where the public is served. The commonsense of such law has been acknowledged, but considerable education is still required to make the barber appreciate that he is getting a return for the fee which he would be compelled to pay, even though the fee may be as low as three dollars per shop. It is estimated that there were about 4900 barber shops doing business in Massachusetts at the end of this fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH FUCILLO,
Chairman.

LOUIS A. PIANO,
Secretary.

HENRY A. HARPER,
Member.

